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SUBJECT: MEETING OF THE JOINT WORKING PARTY ON TECHNOLOGY
AND THE STRUCTURAL ADAPTATION OF INDUSTRY

1. REGRET THAT SAUL PADWO WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND
MEETING. REQUEST US MISSION ATTEND IN HIS PLACE.
2. US DELEGATE SHOULD MAKE STATEMENT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES.
3. THE US GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO BE KEENLY INTERESTED IN
THE PROGRESS OF THIS JOINT WORKING PARTY. WE BELIEVE THAT
HIS PROJECT IS BEGINNING TO BE BETTER FOCUSSED. NEVERTHE-
LESS, IN ORDER TO ASSURE CONTINUED PROGRESS AND THE EXPEDI-
TIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF USEFUL AND WELL-FOUNDED CONCLUSIONS,
WE SHOULD TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS CAREFULLY AND
CANDIDLY WHERE WE ARE IN THIS EFFORT. THE STUDIES WHICH
HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND WHICH
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COMPRISE THE DATA BASE FOR ALL WORK WHICH HAS THUS FAR BEEN
DONE ON THIS PROJECT, BY AND LARGE, APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN
UNDERTAKEN FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN THE WORK OF THIS BODY.
THEY HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THIS GROUP BECAUSE, AS THEY
EXIST, THEY IN SOME DEGREE RELATE TO THE JOINT WORKING

WORKING PARY'S INTEREST, BUT CLEARLY THEY WERE NOT SOLELY

IDENTIFIED FOR OR DESIGNED TO MEET THE GOALS OF THE JOINT WORKING PARTY. THIS OBSERVATION IS NOT INTENDED AS A CRITICISM. WE NOTE THAT IT EXTENDS TO THE SEVERAL U.S. STUDIES WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED. WHAT IS INTENDED IS TO NOTE THAT IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT THAT THE STUDIES SUBMITTED TO THIS GROUP WOULD PROVIDE A GREAT VOLUME OF READILY IDENTIFIABLE AND EXPLICIT SUBSTANCE RELEVANT TO THE PURPOSES OF THIS JOINT WORKING PARTY. FURTHERMORE, WE SHOULD ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT THESE VARIOUS STUDIES WERE NOT INSPIRED BY A SINGLE SET OF QUESTIONS. FOR THIS REASON, THEIR RELATION TO EACH OTHER IS STILL UNKNOWN. NEVERTHELESS, THESE STUDIES, WHICH ARE ALL INTERESTING AND WELL DONE, ARE THE RAW MATERIAL FROM WHICH AT LEAST THE INITIAL STAGES OF A SUCCESSFUL EXAMINATION OF TECHNOLOGY AND THE STRUCTURAL ADAPTATION OF INDUSTRY MUST ARISE. THEY ARE THE SOURCES FOR THE HYPOTHESES WHICH WOULD FORM THE FINAL STUDY.

4. THERE ARE TWO WAYS IN WHICH THESE STUDIES COULD BE SO USED. ONE WOULD BE TO TAKE A SINGLE STUDY AND EXAMINE IT CAREFULLY FOR IDEAS OR TRENDS WHICH COULD BE FURTHER INVESTIGATED IN OTHER AREAS. THAT IS TO SAY, A STUDY OF A SINGLE INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE COULD PROVIDE THE INSPIRATION FOR THE IDEA -- THE HYPOTHESIS -- WHICH, THROUGH FURTHER INVESTIGATION, COULD BE FOUND TO HAVE WIDE VALIDITY. THE BATTELLE INSTITUTE STUDY OF THE U.S. ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY WAS UNDERTAKEN WITH THIS PURPOSE. THE SECOND WAY IN WHICH THE STUDIES THUS FAR SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS COULD GENERATE THE HYPOTHESIS FOR THE EVENTUAL WORK OF UNCLASSIFIED

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THIS GROUP WOULD BE TO REVIEW THEM IN AGGREGATE TO DETERMINE IF SOME COMMON THREAD MAY NOT BE DISCERNIBLE. AS A NOTE OF CAUTION WE SHOULD ALL KEEP IN MIND THAT IN LIGHT OF THE OVERALL LIMITATIONS OF THE SUBMITTED STUDIES THEY SHOULD NOT BE LOOKED TO FOR THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR FINAL REPORT OR THE SOURCE OF OUR EVENTUAL CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. IN TERMS OF THE HYPOTHESIS GENERATING PHASE OF OUR WORK WE ARE BARELY HALF WAY ALONG. THE BATTELLE INSTITUTE STUDY HAS BEEN SUBMITTED, BUT SO RECENTLY THAT MY GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW IT THOROUGHLY. THE CONSIDERATION OF THE SUBMITTED STUDIES IN AGGREGATE -- WORK WHICH IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SECRETARIAT -- IS STILL TO BE DONE. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SUGGESTS THAT THE SECRETARIAT MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HAVE THAT WORK COMPLETED BY JUNE. AT THAT TIME THIS JOINT WORKING PARTY SHOULD HAVE ONE OR MORE HYPOTHESES

WHICH WE CAN EVALUATE FROM THE STANDPOINTS OF DATA AND RESOURCE AVAILABILITY, AS WELL AS GENERAL INTEREST. ALSO

AT THAT TIME WE WILL BE ABLE TO ASSESS MORE ACCURATELY
THE TIME-TABLE FOR THE COMPLETION OF OUR WORK. UNTIL
THAT TIME, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT QUESTIONS THE VALUE IN
TERMS OF THE GOALS OF THE JOINT WORKING PARTY OF DIS-
CUSSING HERE THE STUDIES THUS FAR SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBER
GOVERNMENTS.
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